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Volunteers fight erosion along the historic Rainbow Route Trail for National Public Lands Day.

“Walking is man’s
best medicine”

-Hippocrates

2012 Brings Biggest Trail Year Yet!

It will be difficult to outdo last year’s trails success, but this year promises to be the best trail season yet!

Last year brought a Southwest Conservation Corps Crew, students from Silverton School and local community members together to help improve, restore and finish old trail. Silverton was chosen by Volunteer Outdoors Colorado to bring over 50 volunteers from all over the state to build 1400 feet of new trail.

The new trail will be the keystone to many trail segments that will combine to create a Silverton River Trail! In addition to the trail, a beautiful piece of art will serve as a gateway to welcome visitors from the train and locals alike.

Come out this summer to help by contributing time or materials. The work completed this summer will stand as a contribution to Silverton for generations and generations to come. So grab a shovel and come improve your local community!



2011/2012 Project Sites

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011/2012

1. 5TH To 7TH & Cement Trail

Southwest Conservation Corps
 Silverton Public School
 Silverton Public Works
 San Juan County Historical Society

2. Rainbow Route Retaining Wall

National Public Lands Service Day
 San Juan Mountain Association

3. Lackawanna Trail Restoration

Silverton Public School
 Southwest Conservation Corps

4. 12TH & Cement to Train Depot Trail

Volunteer Outdoors Colorado
 Silverton Public Works

2011/12 Accomplishments

New Trail Includes Historic Bull Wheel

Local youth from the Southwest Conservation Corps helped finish 1000 feet of trail from 5th to 7th & Cement. Railroad ties and local rock were used for edges. Public Works helped install the capstone of the trail, a 9 foot tall bull wheel from the Iowa-Tiger Mine. Silverton Middle School students helped finish the last 100 feet. Trail users can now enjoy views of Kendall Mountain while sitting on rustic benches and contemplate Silverton's rich mining history.

Locals Improve Rainbow Route

13 Volunteers came out for National Public Lands Service Day to build 200 feet of retaining wall.

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Accomplishments continued...

Locals Improve Rainbow Route

The wall will prevent erosion on Anvil Mountain from falling onto the trail.



Lackawanna Trail Restored

Silverton School students helped restore the Lackawanna wetland and Southwest Conservation Corps helped improve the trail. Kindergarteners and 1st graders collected and spread native grass seeds. High school students transplanted willows. SCC Youth built 4 drainages, cleaned 3 drains and improved the tread.



MSI and Silverton School Celebrate Student Trail Projects

On April 20th students of all grades walked trail sections that they have contributed to with their parents and community members.



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Accomplishments continued...

Students Design and Install Interpretive Signs

Silverton School 4th and 5th grade students helped create geological interpretive signs with the aid of Mark Franklin of Interpretive Designs. The signs have been placed along the 5th Street & Cement Trail in April.



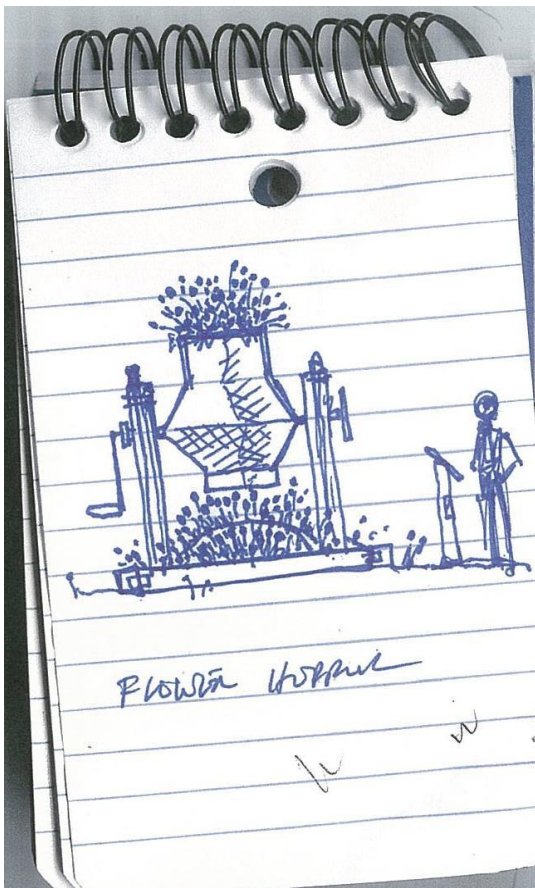
Student Made Activity Brochures to Be Published

2nd and 3rd grade students created activities for kids brochures. They have a passport theme that will allow kids to get stamps for completing various activities around town.

Upcoming Events

12th Street & Cement to Train Depot Trail to Be Constructed

Volunteer Outdoors Colorado will bring 50+ volunteers to Silverton June 23rd-24th. The volunteers will construct approximately 1400 feet of new trail along the Animas River. Artwork created by Shan Wells will be installed at 12th & Cement, creating a gateway to the trail and to welcome visitors.



Artist Shan Wells concept sketch for art sculpture to be installed

Come Get Involved!

Wednesdays 5:30p.m. — We will meet at one of our current project sites to prepare for the VOC event this summer! Contact MSI for current meeting locations.

June 23rd & 24th - Join VOC in an exciting effort to complete an important section of trail. We'll construct a trailhead at Cement and 12th Street, and construct 1400 feet of urban trail leading to the Animas River, the Train Depot, and beyond. Work will involve constructing new trail using both natural materials (stone work) and historic artifacts (donated railroad ties from historic Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad). The project will also involve installing a large metal art sculpture donated to the Town of Silverton as well as creating benches. This project will have truly meaningful community, cultural, and environmental impacts.

Donations Sought: Old 2x4's, topsoil, machine time from trained chain-sawers and bob-cat operators.

Questions? Comments?

We would love to hear from you

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sweat to improving Silverton!



SCC Crew Members, Silverton Town Employees, and MSI Celebrate New Trail.

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